

REMARKS

The allowance of claim 6 and the indication that claims 4 and 5 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims is acknowledged. By the present amendment, claims 1 - 3 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof and objected to claims 4 and 5 have been rewritten in independent form incorporating the features of parent claims 1 and 3 therein. Thus, applicants submit that claims 4 and 5 should now be in condition for allowance together with allowed claim 6.


As to the rejection of claims 1 - 3 over the cited art, in light of the cancellation of such claims, such rejections have been obviated and a discussion of the cited art in relation thereto is considered unnecessary.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, applicants submit that all claims remaining in this application, i.e., claims 4 - 6, should now be in condition for allowance and issuance of an action of favorable nature is courteously solicited.

To the extent necessary, applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 501.43331X00), and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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